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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action dated November 30, 1999, applicant elects the invention of Group II, claims 7-14 and 19-22, drawn to a method for producing (S)-4-halo-3-hydroxybutyric acid ester using a poly- $\beta$ -hydroxy fatty acid biosynthesis system. The election is made without traverse.

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